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Copies of the listed foreign and non-patent literature documents are attached.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

The following documents are listed on the enclosed PTO/SB/08 form and are in a language other than English:

1. JP 1-259250 - An English language abstract of this document is enclosed.
2. JP 7-12767 - An English language abstract of this document is enclosed.
3. Hiroshi Asai, "Odor Detector," Solid state Physics (Kotai Butsuri in Japanese), **10**(7):369-373 (1975) - An English language translation of this document is enclosed.
4. Mitachi et al., "Selection of Optimal Desiccants for Use in Odor Sensors," The 50th Spring Meeting of Japan Society of Applied Physics and Related Societies, **29**:B-13 (March 29, 2003) - An English language translation of this document is enclosed.

Also, in lieu of an English language translation or statement of relevance of documents 1 and 2 above, enclosed is an English language translation of the international search report in the PCT international application from which this U.S. national phase application is derived, citing these documents and setting forth the relevance thereof.

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		Hiroshi Asai, "Odor Detector," Solid state Physics (Kotai Butsuri in Japanese), 10(7) :369-373 (1975).	Yes
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